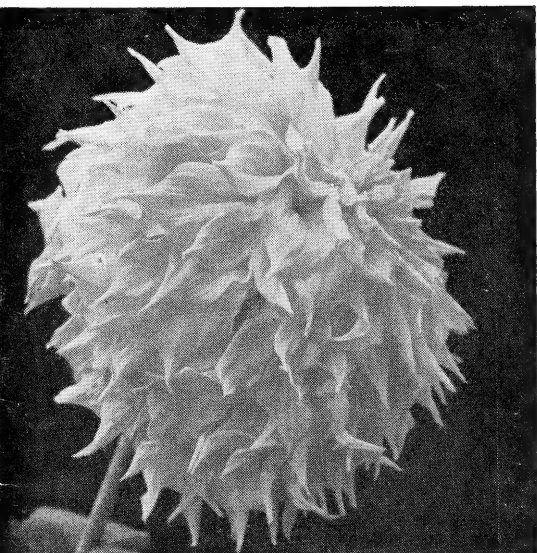
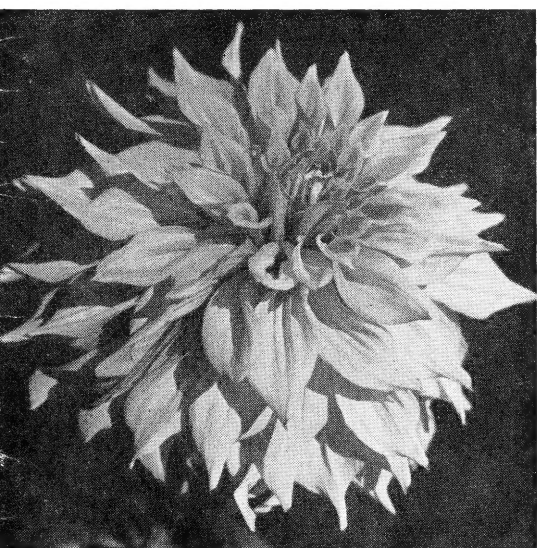


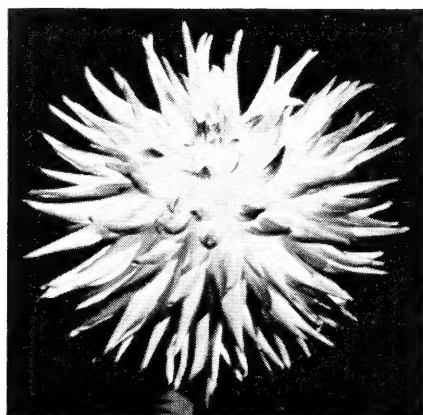
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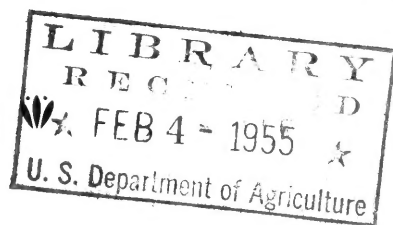
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PLEASE NOTE—When ordering please write NAME and ADDRESS plainly, also state date delivery is desired. It is better not to have roots delivered until you are ready to use them. As the stock of some varieties is limited and the demand this year is heavy, it is well to name some second choices. We do not substitute without permission. All shipments prior to April 1st, except on the Pacific Coast, are sent by Express Collect to insure against freezing. We do not sell green plants. Prices listed are for strong field-grown root divisions. Where air mail delivery is requested, unless remittance includes the extra charge for this service, request will not be complied with.

TERMS—CASH WITH ORDER or before date of shipment. On retail orders for California delivery 3% Sales Tax should be added to the amount to comply with the Sales Tax Law. We guarantee that all roots sent are true to name and in good growing condition, but beyond this assume no responsibility. All orders are accepted with this provision.

EXPLANATION OF TYPES—

Informal Decorative (I.D.). Double flowers, full to the center, usually long irregular petals.

Formal Decorative (F.D.). Double flowers, full to the center, usually with broad flat petals.

Cactus (C.). Double flowers, full to the center, with long, narrow, pointed petals, incurved, recurved or straight, and rolled at least half their length.

Semi-Cactus (S.C.). Double flowers, full to the center, with coarse, twisted petals, usually somewhat incurved, and rolled ordinarily less than half their length.



OUR NEW INTRODUCTIONS FOR 1955

SEQUOIA—Informal Decorative. Primrose yellow. This year we are offering a new dahlia that is definitely on the superlative side. It is probably as large as any dahlia in existence and without faults; similar in many respects to Croyden Masterpiece except color. Picture on front cover is that of a 15-inch bloom. Note great wealth of petalage. The deep compact center holds until bloom is fully matured and weather conditions do not mar the long-lasting flower. Must be seen to be appreciated and our visitors were not lacking in enthusiasm. We think it is the finest dahlia in the Gaylord series since Frieda Gaylord. Color is uncommon, stem perfect and habit of growth all that can be expected. As we have often stated before, we do not exaggerate when introducing a new variety: Received a Certificate of Merit at the new A.D.S. California Trial Gardens but was not in bloom in time to be entered in our early San Francisco show.

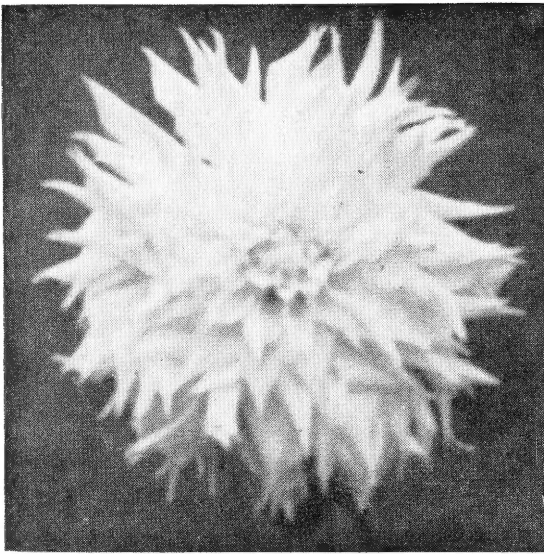
Strong Divisions.....\$15.00 Net

YOSEMITE—Informal Decorative. Shadings of apricot, deepening at center, with a metallic lustre over all that makes it distinctive. This flower has about as much diameter as the one described above, but formation is different with broader petals, and there is not as much depth. It is a prolific bloomer and so, as can be imagined, is very spectacular in the garden. Illustration on front cover gives a good idea of its attractive appearance. We specialize in dahlias of giant size and our introductions this year are not lacking the necessary requirements. Do not misunderstand us, however. We fully realize size is not enough if other qualities are lacking. We await with great interest the reaction of our customers who have grown our new varieties through many years. Strong Divisions

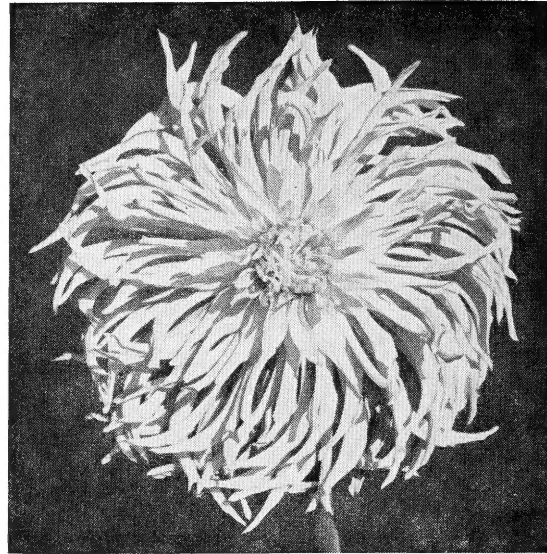
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DAHLIA SEEDS—Hand pollenized dahlia seeds from the largest and best varieties. Mixed seed only.....\$10.00 per 100 Net

BARGAIN ROOT COLLECTIONS of extra value, our selection, all different and properly tagged. May delivery. We have no surplus stock, so orders should be sent early.....\$10.00 per dozen Net



GAYLORD SPECIAL



TAHOE

OTHER DAHLIAS OF OUR OWN INTRODUCTION

ALCAZAR—S.C. Deep fuchsia red or bright reddish purple. It belongs in the purple class according to the color chart, and the formation of the flower is frequently very close to the true cactus type. A nice large dahlia outstanding as to beauty and distinctiveness that blooms early and freely on the best of stems **\$2.50**

ARGUELLO—I.C. Deep cherry red with silvery reverse, velvet-like texture. This beautifully colored dahlia is a large true type cactus with petals rolled their entire length. Ideal growing plant with extra strong straight stems. A 1953 introduction that has already proven its worth in many places. One of the finest of recent years **\$7.50**

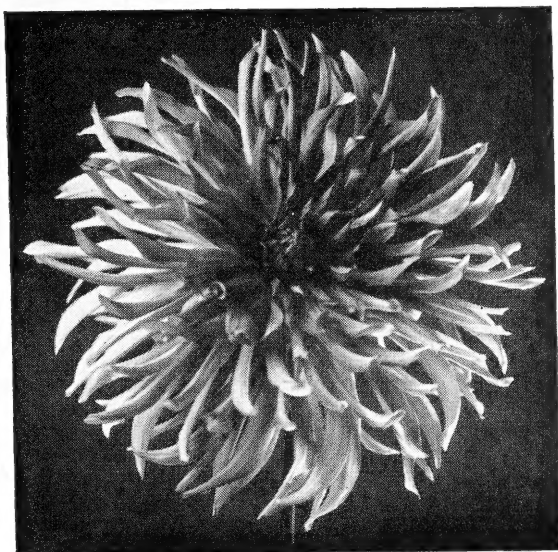
AZURA—I.D. Rosy lilac with a bluish-violet sheen. A large deep flower which has won as largest flower in the show with blooms measuring 12 to 14 inches. Plant is tall and strong and the blooms have a distinctive and interesting formation. Old but good..... **\$1.50**

BALLAY ROUGE—I.C. Bright clear red. Fine petalled true type cactus in a very popular color. Size is large for a cactus, excellent form, perfect stems..... **\$2.00**

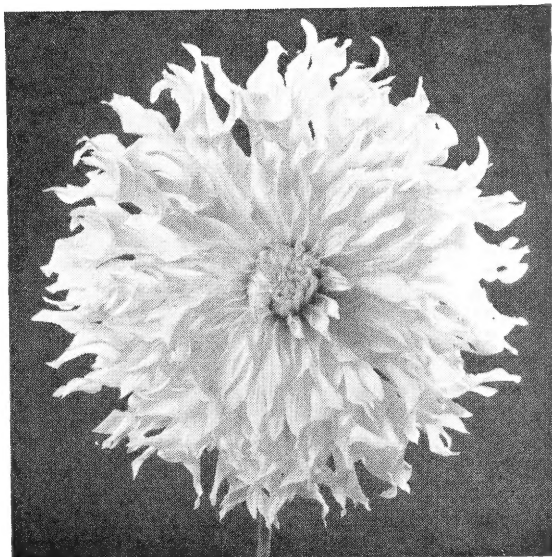
BEAU BRILLIANT—I.D. Bright carmine. A truly brilliant color that is impressive both in the garden and show room. It is a large full flower, a profuse bloomer, and the plant growth is all that can be desired. Seems to thrive under all weather conditions..... **\$2.00**

BOSPHORUS—I.D. Burnt orange. Large, well-shaped flower of rare coloring. Reliable and satisfactory in all respects..... **\$1.00**

BUTTERFLY—I.D. Henna-orange with reverse and center rosy mauve. The odd combination of color is new and has been the subject of much favorable comment. It is a large, well-formed flower with pointed petals, reliable and attractive. Prolific bloomer..... **\$2.50**



ARGUELLO



CAPISTRANO

CALIFORNIA CENTENNIAL—I.D. Buff yellow with the color somewhat accented at the center. An oval shaped bloom of large size which is a seedling of California Pageant. This is a distinctive variety in its color with strong plant growth. Not yet widely grown but it is a dahlia with a future.....**\$2.50**

CALIFORNIA IDOL—I.D. Lemon yellow. A very large flower with ideal habits that is seldom surpassed either for garden performance or for exhibition. One of the truly great dahlias throughout the years.....**\$1.00**

CALIFORNIA PAGEANT—I.D. Bright gold with shadings of reddish bronze. Very large flower of very gay coloring. Strong, straight stems hold the well-formed blooms facing perfectly. Highest scoring dahlia at Storrs in 1946. Three blooms on one plant at the same time measured 13 x 8 inches.....**\$2.50**

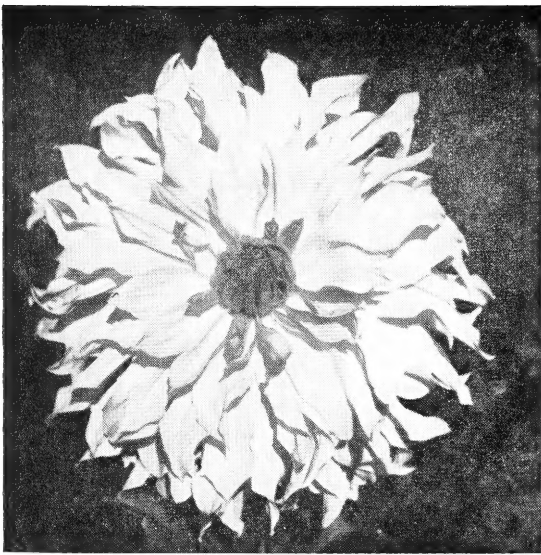
CAPISTRANO—I.C. Bright canary yellow. Large and good with more petals than the average cactus, thus forming an oval and very full centered flower. Achievement Medal winner at San Francisco last year and winner as best flower in the show this year. Outstanding.....**\$5.00**

CATALINA—S.C. Bright rose red of the American Beauty shade. Fairly large flower most brilliantly colored that blooms early and most freely over a long period. Well branched plant of medium height.....**\$2.50**

CONFUCIUS—S.C. Chinese red (bright coral red). This very striking dahlia is a real giant with many winnings to its credit. Few dahlias have achieved greater popularity**\$1.50**

DEE CEE—I.D. Maize yellow to Indian yellow. 12 to 14 inch giant informal decorative. It is early to bloom, keeps well and produces many fine exhibition flowers. Likes warm weather when it will grow to perfection. New 1952.....**\$5.00**

DOROTHY LAMOUR—Str. Cac. True orange. A dahlia of great charm because of its rare color and useful qualities. This is a distinctive variety that is much in demand**\$2.00**



DEE CEE



MARK TWAIN

ESPLENDIDO—I.C. Reddish coral pink. True type cactus of a most attractive and unusual color. Very tall, strong growing and an abundant producer of fine blooms. One of the best cactus in commerce.....**\$2.00**

EVELYN CHANDLER—S.C. Golden apricot. A spectacular flower of fine coloring and great size. It has been a consistent winner in numerous shows, sometimes as largest bloom in earlier days.....**\$1.00**

FAVORITA—I.C. Canary yellow. Best yellow cactus. The outer petals of this true type cactus fold well back to the stem. Bloom is of good size and stem is always good**\$2.00**

FORTY-NINER—S.C. Bright yellow. A huge semi-cactus with all petals definitely incurved. Well-branched, free blooming plant with ornamental foliage. A truly beautiful variety ideal for all purposes.....**\$3.50**

FRIEDA GAYLORD—I.D. Rosy pink slightly shaded with gold. A magnificent dahlia of remarkable size and vigor. Will produce very large blooms through the whole season, some as large as 15 inches in diameter. Has won a number of major prizes in the leading shows in different parts of the country. That it is one of the truly great dahlias of all time is our candid opinion.....**\$2.50**

GALA CALIFORNIA—I.C. Scarlet orange. One of the best cactus. Attracts attention because of the bright unusual color. It will supply many fine blooms on good stems and seems to do well anywhere.....**\$1.00**

GAYLORD BALLAY—I.D. Pure white. Superlative size, vigorous, tall growing. Large, pure white that is winning in strong competition.....**\$2.50**

GAYLORD SPECIAL—I.D. Clear orchid pink. A 12-inch bloom, full and deep, on long strong stem. Lovely color of exquisite formation. Few varieties will produce so many good flowers at one time and through so long a period. Grows easily under varied conditions. New 1954.....**\$10.00**



ROYAL PACIFIC



GOVERNOR WARREN

GERTRUDE LAWRENCE—I.D. Light cerise red. Outstanding variety both as to size and color. Early to bloom. Plant of medium height.....**\$1.50**

GOVERNOR WARREN—I.D. Golden salmon shading deeper at the center. A full, deep, broad petalled bloom well placed on a long rugged stem. This giant in the autumn color class possesses real beauty as well as great size..**\$2.50**

HIGHLANDER—I.D. Scarlet-pink with a lighter reverse to the petals. A bright new shade of pink sometimes called "watermelon." Artistically formed bloom on long, strong stems. A continuous performer. Stock limited.....**\$2.50**

JOSEPH B. LANKTREE—I.D. Bright red without shadings. A champion prize winner in California. Massive blooms 12 to 14 inches. Continues until the end of the season. Outstanding in its class.....**\$2.50**

KING OF THE WHITES—I.D. Clear glistening white. This striking new white is exactly what the name implies. Very large and full with fine stems and a sturdy plant. Is not soiled by heat or moisture. We have received excellent reports from many places.....**\$2.50**

LELAND STANFORD—I.D. Brilliant cardinal. One of the best reds. Does not fade and will withstand difficult conditions. Large size, robust grower.....**\$1.00**

MAESTRO—S.C. Purple cerise. A richly-colored large flower of remarkable substance and most pleasing appearance. All good qualities and highly recommended**\$1.50**

MARK TWAIN—I.D. Bright red boldly tipped white. This appears definitely to be the best bi-color of them all. There is no variation in the blooms, about one-third of each petal at the tip being of purest white. Average size 10 to 11 inches. We have received many flattering reports on its performance.....**\$3.50**

MONTEZUMA—S.C. Reddish copper or terra cotta. A giant semi-cactus on the type of Confucius. The big, bold flower has depth as well as diameter and the color is attractive and unusual.....**\$2.00**



CALIFORNIA CENTENNIAL



CALIFORNIA PAGEANT

NIGHTINGALE—F.D. Deep magenta rose shading somewhat lighter at the tips of the petals. The color is generally referred to as fuchsia. A truly spectacular flower and strictly of the formal type. Better proportioned stems and more rugged-plant growth would be hard to find. Large size.....**\$2.50**

NINA WARREN—S.C. Bright rosy purple. A nice purple semi-cactus of large size. The rather tall plant is a mass of blooms all season. Will thrive in warm weather and is not improved by shading or covering. Named for the wife of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, who called it her favorite color.....**\$3.50**

PACIFIC SPLENDOR—I.D. Delicate pink shading to white center. Artistic bloom of large size. A delightful color when properly grown. Habits of growth are good**\$1.00**

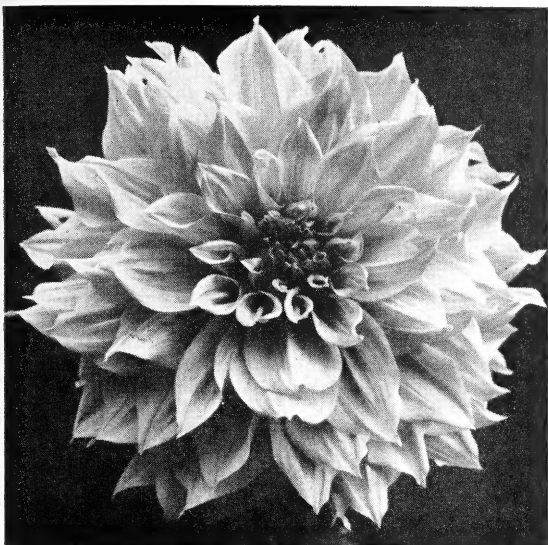
ROYAL PACIFIC—F.D. Violet purple of the blue tone. A true formal that is outstanding because of its rare and distinctive coloring. Long, strong stems hold the flowers perfectly above the dark ornamental foliage. A continuous performer. Large**\$2.50**

SATAN—S.C. Flaming red, gold center. A great dahlia that is known wherever dahlias are grown. Greatest prize winner of its day.....**\$1.00**

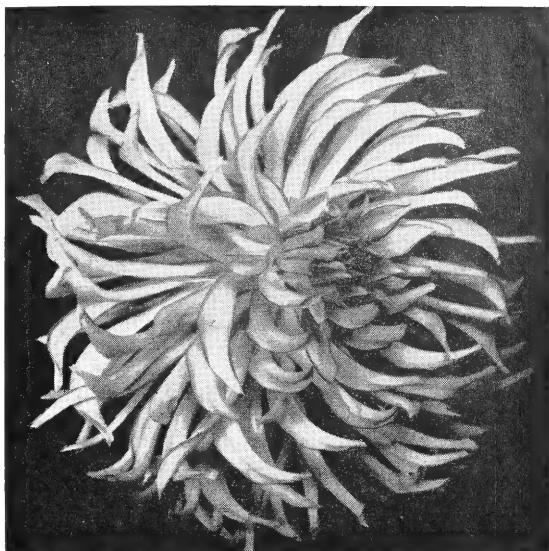
SAVINA—I.C. Bright salmon shading to golden yellow. A husky growing plant producing nice large cactus blooms on good stems. Color is very pleasing and strikes the popular fancy. Well worthwhile if you are fond of cactus type**\$2.50**

TAHOE—I.C. Apricot shading to yellow. Petals are very narrow and completely rolled with a spider-like formation resembling the new popular spider chrysanthemums. Good size and good stems. A real novelty.....**\$7.50**

TORCH—St.C. Lemon yellow liberally tipped cherry red. This is a "B size" cactus of good form. Its chief merit lies in its most unusual combination of color. Numerous blooms fairly cover the plant the entire season which must be disbudded for best results. New 1954.....**\$5.00**



FRIEDA GAYLORD



FORTY-NINER

YANKEE DOODLE—I.D. Fuchsia purple with crimson shadings. Giant size, rare coloring, good habits. An ideal exhibition dahlia. Not particularly recommended for climates where the summers are extremely hot and dry.....**\$2.50**



GOOD VARIETIES OF OTHER GROWERS

(Name in parenthesis is that of the introducer. In the case of foreign dahlias the name of the country is given.)

ARTHUR GODFREY—F.D. (Dahliadel.) Oriental red with bronze shadings. Outstanding bloom of great size. Strong grower that blooms early. One of the best**\$2.50**

ADOLPH MAYER—I.D. (Holland.) Maroon. Very dark medium sized flower. Strong free branching plant and a prolific bloomer.....**\$1.50**

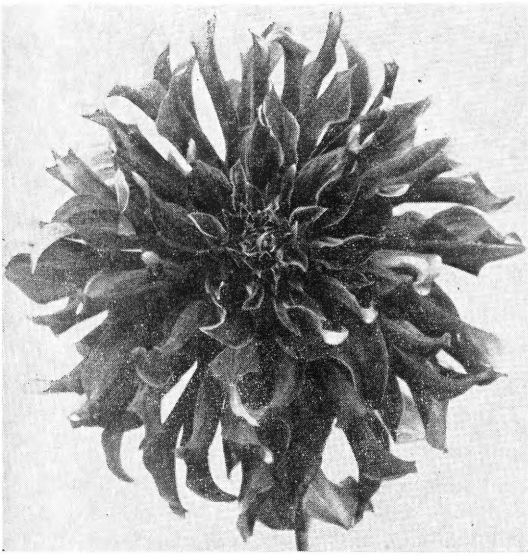
AGLOW—I.D. (Dahliadel.) Soft apricot suffused light red on center of each petal. Free blooming variety on nice long stems. Good grower.....**\$2.00**

AMOS KIRBY—I.D. (Johnson.) Rich reddish purple. Very large free blooming variety on stiff slender stems. Strong plant with good foliage.....**\$2.00**

ATOMIC YELLOW—S.C. (Ruschmohr.) Canary yellow. Largest yellow semi-cactus. Truly massive blooms on strong stems. Good grower. No dahlia fan passes this one by.....**\$2.50**

ALL AMERICAN—S.C. (Salem.) Mulberry rose. A true semi-cactus of good form, unusual color and large size. Very desirable for all purposes.....**\$1.50**

AUTUMN BLAZE—I.D. (Johnson.) Brownish red suffused gold especially at the tips of the petals. One of the largest and best. Blooms freely on a plant of medium height**\$2.50**



NINA WARREN



HIGHLANDER

AXFORD TRIUMPH—I.D. (Australia.) Bronze and tan. A variety of large size that is a robust grower with excellent habits.....**\$2.00**

B. C.—(Canada.) Creamy pink. Nice large blooms on good strong plant. Color is uncommon**\$2.50**

BETTE DAVIS—S.C. (Cordes.) Lavender rose. Medium sized flower that is very pleasing and useful. Prolific bloomer.....**\$2.00**

BETTY STAKER—I.D. (Australia.) Dull gold with rose shadings. A massive flower and a beautiful color. Very impressive in the garden.....**\$2.00**

BILL'S GOLD—I.D. (Australia.) Bright old gold. One of the best of its color and an all-around fine dahlia. Very large, good grower, good stems.....**\$2.00**

BLACKBIRD—St.C. (Holland.) Very dark red, almost black. Medium size, free bloomer, very long straight stem, fine for cutting.....**\$2.50**

BLACK MONARCH—I.D. (Rocky River.) Very dark red. Strong grower and free bloomer. Large and interesting because of its color. Improved by shading..**\$2.00**

BLUE RIVER—I.D. (Salem.) Bluish-lavender. As near to blue as we have in dahlias. Always attracts attention. Good size.....**\$1.00**

CARL G. DAHL—I.D. (Scott.) Old rose and gold. Has been a winner as largest bloom. Petals are broad and well placed and have good substance.....**\$2.00**

CONQUEROR—S.C. (Holland.) Clear sulphur yellow. Well-formed clean-cut flower of fairly large size and good stems. A useful and beautiful variety..**\$2.00**

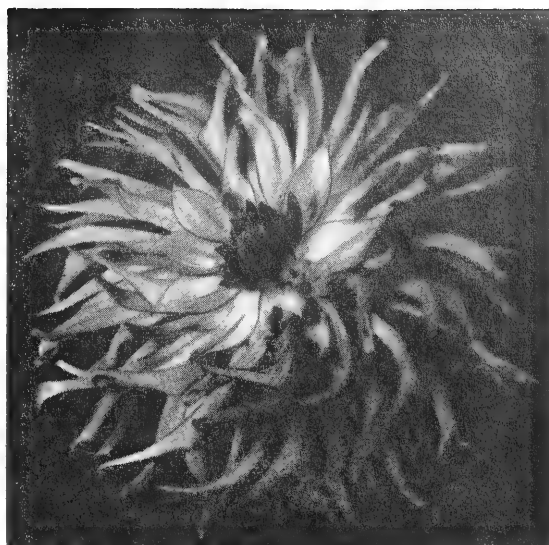
COL. LITTLE—I.D. (Ambrose.) Scarlet-orange. Very brilliant coloring. Large flower, blooms freely, stem good. Stock limited.....**\$2.50**

CORNELL—I.D. (Parrella.) Deep red tipped white. A fair-sized bi-color with good markings. Good grower but not a free bloomer.....**\$2.00**

COMMANDO—F.D. (Golden Rule.) Phlox purple. Vividly colored bloom, large and attractive. A formal in a different color.....**\$2.00**



BUTTERFLY



SAVINA

CROYDEN ELITE—I.D. (Australia.) Bright yellow with a slight reddish suffusion especially at center of the flower. A fine, large dahlia of exquisite form. Strong growing plant that produces many blooms on first-class stems.....**\$2.50**

CROYDEN MASTERPIECE—I.D. (Australia.) Light orange. One of the very largest and best. Early producer of exhibition blooms of best quality. Has won many prizes and is very popular.....**\$2.50**

DAHLIAMUM—I.D. (Chemar.) Bronze gold. Very large flower, carried on top of a strong stem that looks like a shaggy chrysanthemum.....**\$2.00**

DARCY SAINSBURY—F.D. (Australia.) White. Large, full flower that will stand the weather. Good grower.....**\$1.00**

DIXIE'S WINE DOT—I.D. (Dixie.) White ground striped and splashed wine red. Something new and good. A most unusual variegated dahlia of very large size and sturdy growth.....**\$2.50**

EDNA D.—S.C. (Rocky River.) Deep rose red. Large, well-formed bloom on long stems. Fine for exhibition.....**\$2.50**

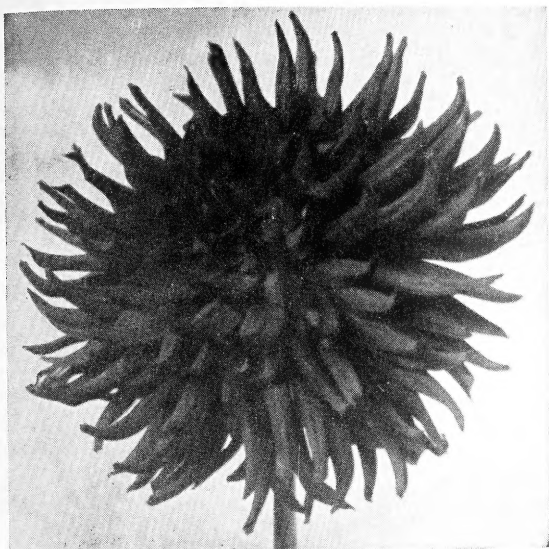
EVENTIDE—I.D. (Bissell.) True purple. Fairly large flowers of unusual form, each petal being notched and slightly twirled. Nice plant with dark foliage.....**\$2.00**

EL RUBIO—I.D. (Redfern.) Wine red. Very large bold flower. Plant growth extremely rugged. A late bloomer and one of the most attractive in the garden in the late fall.....**\$1.50**

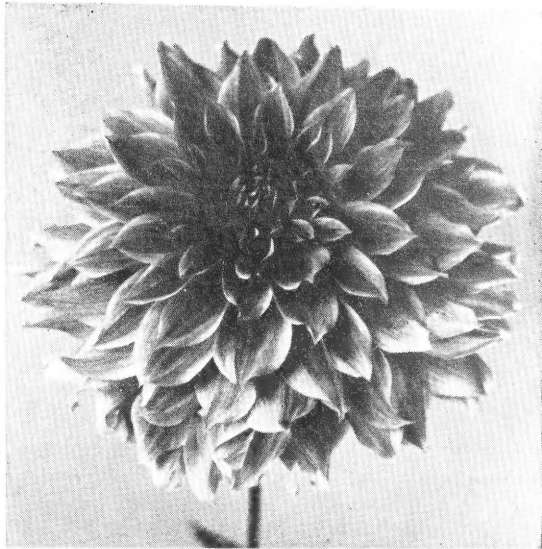
ESSIE SMITH—I.D. (Smith.) Lavender pink. Large deep flower. Strong grower with good habits**\$2.00**

FIVE-STAR GENERAL—F.D. (Ruschmohr.) Blend of soft pink and creamy yellow. An exceptional dahlia of real merit. Large, well formed and a good grower. A variety that impresses all visitors.....**\$2.50**

- FRANCES H.**—(Patricia.) Pansy purple tipped white. Very reliable bi-color of good size. Free bloomer, good grower, popular.....\$2.50
- FRED CANNING**—I.D. (England.) Bright geranium red. Large full bloom of the most pleasing shade of red that does not fade. Centers are not always of exhibition type\$2.50
- FREDA GEORGE**—I.D. (Australia.) Creamy pink with shadings of rose. Delicately colored flower with excellent qualities. Nice size.....\$2.50
- GALAXY**—I.C. (England.) Yellow striped and splashed with red. A very interesting and satisfactory cactus. Flowers are full and well formed.....\$2.00
- GAY KNIGHT**—I.D. (Australia.) Bright red suffused gold. This brightly colored bloom is extra large and held straight up on a perfect stem. One of the largest from Australia\$2.00
- GIANT OF BAARN**—I.C. (Holland.) Crimson-red. Very useful for cutting because of its long stems and free blooming habits. Large flowers continue through a long period. Very gay color.....\$2.50
- GLAMOUR**—I.D. (Salem.) Light purple with shadings of rose. Grows large without pampering and is a consistent winner in the shows. Color, form and habits are all good.....\$2.00
- GOULBURN**—I.C. (Australia.) Yellow shading to apricot. A true cactus of large size. Outstanding in its class with great possibilities in the showroom.....\$2.50
- GRAF BERNADOTTE**—S.C. (Holland.) Pure white. Very tall growing cactus producing many nice flowers of medium size. There is not much competition in this class\$2.50
- GUNYAH GLORY**—S.C. (Australia.) Royal purple. We have nothing else exactly like it in color. Big, tall-growing semi-cactus that is much admired by visitors. Outstanding\$3.50
- INDIAN GIANT**—I.D. (Emmons.) Reddish apricot. Very large exhibition variety. Plants are low and bushy and continue to produce fine blooms over a long period. Color is different and much admired.....\$2.50
- IVORY PRINCESS**—S.C. (Ruschmohr.) Ivory white. Large, well-formed flower of an unusual shade. Strong grower with good stems.....\$2.00
- JANE LAUSCHE**—S.C. (Rocky River.) Lavender tipped white. Decidedly a new combination of color and an all-around good dahlia. It was a big prize winner in its introductory year. A novelty of real merit.....\$2.50
- JUDITH**—F.D. (Anderson.) Deep purple edged white. Very popular and satisfactory California variety. The plant of medium height blooms freely and flowers are very large. Easterners should try this one.....\$2.50
- KELVIN**—I.D. (Australia.) Rosy pink with a suggestion of yellow. Exceptionally fine variety of great size and all good qualities. Continues to produce large perfect blooms for months. One of the truly great dahlias.....\$2.50
- KEMP'S PURPLE TRIUMPH**—I.D. Deep purple. Good sized flower on plant of medium height. Good producer both as to blooms and roots.....\$2.50



ALCAZAR



NIGHTINGALE

KIDD'S CLIMAX—F.D. (Australia.) Clear lavender shading to yellow at base of petals. Unusual in color, large size, very desirable.....\$2.50

KING SIZE—I.C. (Johnson.) Bright red. Produces many fine blooms throughout the season on long stems. Large size for a cactus.....\$2.50

LOUISE—S.C. (Australia.) Creamy white. Very satisfactory dahlia that resembles Mother's Day to some extent but has a better stem. Large flower on an excellent growing plant.....\$2.50

MADONNA—I.D. (Ruschmohr.) Pure white. Large, strong growing white. Blooms face upward on good but rather short stems.....\$2.50

MAFFIE—S.C. (Johnson.) Carmine red. Truly spectacular. First blooms are extremely large and have frequently won as largest in the show. Tall, open grower\$2.00

MAJESTAT—I.D. (Germany.) Pale salmon pink. Large size in the early season. Full flowers with broad petals are held on long sturdy stems.....\$2.50

MARION SMITH—I.D. (Australia.) Clear pink. The large graceful blooms fairly cover the sturdy plant of medium height. A charming color and a first-class dahlia in every way.....\$2.50

MARY ELIZABETH—I.D. (Robens.) Turkey red. Champion Eastern show winner in 1953. Can be grown to great size. Performed best in our garden this season when the weather was inclined to be warm. A well recommended new introduction that should be a standout.....\$10.00

MONARCH OF THE EAST—I.D. (Almy.) Bright golden apricot. Giant flowers borne profusely on a rampant growing bush. Colorful.....\$1.00

MRS. HESTER PAPE—I.D. (Rocky River.) Reddish purple. Popular introduction of rich coloring. Large, sturdy, attractive. A big winner in the shows.....\$3.50

- MRS. THOMAS EDISON**—I.D. (Chautauqua.) Ruby red, with silver reverse. Outstanding color effect. Flower can be grown to good size and is always a bright spot in the garden. Low grower.....\$2.00
- MURPHY'S MASTERPIECE**—I.D. (Success.) Deep red. This dahlia is naturally large and can be grown to great proportions. Has been a contender in the largest class for many years. Strong grower with good stems.....\$2.00
- NANCY C. SCHARHAG**—I.D. (Sunset.) Mallow pink striped and splashed wine purple. A sport of Dixie's Wine Dot which it very much resembles in everything but color. Very reliable.....\$2.50
- OAKLEIGH CHAMPION**—C. (Oakleigh.) Orange and pink with yellow shadings at base of petals. Large cactus of excellent form on strong long stems. A real pleasure to grow.....\$2.00
- OGDEN REID**—I.D. (Parrella.) Old rose with slight golden suffusion. Large exhibition bloom on long slender stem. Blooms profusely.....\$2.00
- PACIFIC ROSE**—I.D. (Thompson.) Deep rose pink. Fine large variety that is popular in California and a winner at the shows. Medium height with all good growing habits\$2.50
- PATRICIA SPOLLEN**—I.C. (Johnson.) Medium orange. Attractive cactus bloom that exhibits well and has won many prizes in its class. Responds to good care. Much admired\$2.50
- PHYLLIS KNIGHT**—I.D. (Australia.) Salmon rose. Very large size. Fine color and all good qualities except that an occasional bloom may come with a coarse center. Popular.....\$2.50
- PINK GIANT**—I.D. (Holland.) True pink. This is hardly a giant according to the American idea but it is large enough for all general purposes. The color is impressive and it has achieved popularity in this country.....\$1.00
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CARE OF DAHLIAS

(in California)

Plant dahlia roots in May. Have the soil dug deep and well worked beforehand. Place a stake at each place, dig a hole deep enough so that the root can be covered 4 or 5 inches, and leave a wide basin 2 or 3 inches deep for watering. Lay roots flat, never on end. Plant 2½ to 3 feet apart. Water well as soon as planted and about once a week until plants are well above ground. Irrigate thoroughly about twice a week when plants are growing strong and blooming. If plants are topped when about a foot high it will cause them to branch and make a sturdier growth. Larger blooms and better stems may be had by disbudding. Leave large center bud and take off small side buds and sprouts above leaves for 2 or 3 joints. Use fertilizer sparingly. The time to fertilize is when plants are topped. Spray with a nicotine or other garden spray to prevent leaf pests the same as for other garden plants. Use ant poisons to keep ants from the patch. Dust with sulphur to control mildew. For a long season of bloom keep old flowers with foliage cut off and be sure to keep well watered at all times. Dahlias like an open, sunny location away from the roots of trees and shrubs. Do not dig clumps until about the first of the year, leave soil on them, and store in a dry, frost-proof shed. Cut off dry stalks, stack together and cover with old bags or something of the kind. Wash and divide carefully at planting time.

DAHLIAS AS CUT FLOWERS—It is better to cut them in the early morning or late evening. A fully matured bloom will last better than a young tender one. Removing large leaves from the stems will add to the keeping qualities. Dip the tips of the stems 2 or 3 inches deep in boiling water for a couple minutes and then place immediately in a vessel of deep cold water. Setting the flowers outside at night and giving them fresh water every day or two has been found helpful. In warm weather a piece of ice placed in the vase seems to help. On exhibition tables flowers are freshened by spraying lightly with cold water occasionally during the day. A few varieties are naturally poor keepers and flowers grown in the shade or forced so as to have too soft a growth are difficult to keep, especially in hot weather. In late years nice arrangements are being made with blooms on short stems floated in bowls or trays, which will last for a long time.